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It's official: Reveley gets top position

Taylor Reveley becomes College's 27th president following BOV decision

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat News Editor

At noon Friday, in the presence of his family, the Board of Visitors, administrators, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members, Taylor Reveley was sworn in as the permanent 27th president of the College of William and Mary.

The process began earlier that morning as 11 members of the BOV gathered to discuss the presidency. Although the discussion took place in a closed session, BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 made some opening remarks.

"This is really the culmination of a long series of discussions that have been necessitated since last February," he said. "We have two choices ... whether to initiate a search for the president of the College or whether we should consider eliminating the designation of 'interim' for Taylor Reveley and giving him a term of years."

The BOV debated for 50 minutes in their Blow Hall boardroom before moving to the Wren Building's Blue Room. Reveley was neither present at the boardroom nor at the Blue Room.

The Blue Room was intended to serve as the administration's meeting room when the College was originally confined to the Wren, the Brafferton and the President's House, said Director of the Historic Campus Louise Kale. Since then, the Blue Room has become the traditional room for announcing presidential news.

Powell commented on the crowded room.

"I've sat at this table before," he said, referencing his time on the BOV during the '05 presidential search. "It's the first time I've ever seen members of the community, senators from our constituencies, students, alumni, staff, administrators."



ALEX GUILLÉN — THE FLAT HAT
[TOP] President Taylor Reveley addresses the audience in the Great Hall. [BOTTOM LEFT] Rector Michael Powell shares a hug with Helen Reveley. [BOTTOM RIGHT] Reveley, with his wife at his side, is sworn into the office of president.

Students and faculty react to Reveley's appointment, BOV's search process

By KEVIN LIPTAK
The Flat Hat

The Board of Visitors' Friday decision to forgo a national presidential search and install former Interim President Taylor Reveley as the 27th president of the College of William and Mary has received positive reviews from campus leaders, though some concerns remain regarding the amount of student input considered.

Justin Reid '09, the president of the College's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, approved of the decision but said that the process left many on campus voiceless.

"Most people like Reveley, but wish they could have been part of the process," he said.

Reid — who has worked with Reveley to revamp the College's strategic plan — said the new president is committed to positive change.

"The strategic plan is more important than criticizing the board or their actions," he said. "It's a more productive way to move forward."

Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09 echoed Reid's sentiments.

"I'm confident that Reveley is going to be great, and nothing should detract from that," she said.

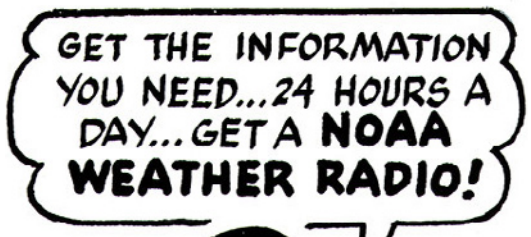
Hopkins, however, did express some concern that students' viewpoints went unheard.

"I don't think it would have been bad to get more opinions," she said. "They didn't make a means through which anyone could state their opinion. An e-mail address, something as simple as that, was not done."

Both Reid and Hopkins participated in forums held by BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 earlier in the school year. The forums were designed to

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College given emergency alert radio



COURTESY GRAPHIC — NOAA
Comic strip character Mark Trail, above, is the campaign symbol for the NOAA radio program. Cartoonist Jack Elrod is an advocate of the program and other environmental issues.

By MEGAN KEELING
The Flat Hat

The College of William and Mary has received a public alert radio as part of a federal program to improve emergency preparedness in the nation's colleges and universities. The radio, also known as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All-Hazards, is able to receive nationwide alerts regarding national security threats or severe weather conditions, and can operate even in the event of power or other communication outages. The College's radio will be kept in the Campus Police station.

According to William and Mary Police Chief Don Challis, the radio will be incorporated into the College's existing emergency plan as a first-alert tool.

"We didn't ask for [the radio], but we appreciate getting it,"

Challis said. "It provides advance warning on a whole host of incidents."

Though the radio is capable of receiving any nationwide alert, it can be set to the College's emergency "preferences" to respond to weather hazards specific to Williamsburg. For instance, the radio might be programmed to respond to the National Weather Service's Hurricane Watch alerts and to ignore the Volcano Watch bulletins. Weather warnings are issued by the local National Weather Service forecast office, while area emergency officials issue alerts for other emergencies.

The College's radio is one of 182,000 radios distributed to public and private higher education institutions by NOAA, in partnership with the Departments of Homeland Security, Education, and Health and Human Services.

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Student returns with new knowledge of past

Michael Blaakman '09 analyzed Revolutionary War-era letters through esteemed program

By LAUREN BILLINGSLEY
The Flat Hat

Not many students at the College of William and Mary spent their summers getting paid to decipher and analyze the surprisingly messy scrawl of Revolutionary War officer Henry Knox's handwritten letters and then publish their own original work on the subject. But Michael Blaakman '09 did just that after being named one of fifteen Gilder Lehrman History Scholars.

Sponsored since 2003 by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the fellowship is a five-week, paid program in New York City for exceptional undergraduates studying history. Student scholars met with renowned professors and archivists to

analyze primary source documents. These efforts resulted in the publication of the fellows' own original works.

"It has become the gold standard for admission to the most prestigious graduate schools in U.S. history," history professor Scott Nelson said in an e-mail this week. "Being a fellow definitely puts you on the radar of faculty in the history profession."

Their projects will be used as teaching guides in high school and college classrooms and eventually will be published online. Blaakman worked with the documents of Henry Knox, the famed artillery officer of the Continental Army and the country's first Secretary of War. Blaakman analyzed

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Kaine gives tech awards in Williamsburg

WJCC public schools, JMU win education awards

By ALISON JARRIS
The Flat Hat

Yesterday Governor Timothy Kaine hosted the Governor's Technology Awards at the Williamsburg Marriott.

Kaine first congratulated the entire state for winning and maintaining the title of Forbes' Best State for Business for the third consecutive year. This is the first time that any state has kept the title for three straight years.

"The strength of the Virginian econ-

omy and the advanced manufacturing accolade cannot be credited to anything other than the state's incredible IT developments," Kaine said.

Kaine gave special praise to the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, the recipient of the "Innovative Use of Technology in K-12 Education" award. The WJCC Public School System was commended for its creation of the Instructional Technology Standard project, intended to "research, design, and implement a standard set of tech-

nology tools for the classroom to better the teaching and learning environment." This program integrates how-to technology lessons with the everyday school curriculum so that students can become more computer literate.

The other academic award, "Innovative Use in Higher Education," was given to James Madison University for working with the August Medical Center and the Virginia Department of Health on a flu pandemic modeling system.

This conference on Government Technology in Virginia takes place over the course of three days.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Michael Blaakman '09 spent the summer studying history at the Gilder Lehrman Institute.

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Corrections

In Friday's article "New sociology professor holds degrees from 11 universities," Professor Ben Bolger, was identified as holding 11 doctorates. Bolger holds one doctorate; the remaining ten degrees are not doctorates. He was also identified as growing up in Flint, Mich.; he grew up in Durand, Mich. Finally, he was quoted as saying he used a "leader" in college; he actually said he used a "reader."

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.


Weather

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Wednesday



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Low 65°

Thursday



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Low 67°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“ I'm confident that Reveley is going to be great, and nothing should detract from that. ”

— Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09.
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News in Brief

Former head of Busch Gardens goes to Dubai

Former head of Busch Gardens, Donnie Mills, is set to run a new Busch venture in Dubai. According to the Daily Press, this will take place less than a year after his promotion from head of Busch Gardens Europe to run the sister theme park in Tampa, Fla. Busch Entertainment announced in February a partnership with the Middle East development firm Nakheel to develop a Busch Gardens, Sea-World, Aquatica, and Discovery Cove by 2012. Mills will help set up and run the parks when he makes the transition in 2009.

Bracken named charter fellow by the AERA

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) awarded education professor Bruce Bracken with charter fellowship status for his continuous contributions to his field through commended research. The association recognized Bracken in August with a senior scientist award from the American Psychological Association.

Bracken is a school psychology and counselor education professor at the College of William and Mary's School of Education.

Tech's new ads direct people to 'the future'

Virginia Tech has launched a new advertising campaign to promote its outreach and research programs and to attract the attention of local leaders. According to the Daily Press, Tech has adopted "viral" marketing methods ranging from ads on social networking sites like Facebook to having a plane with a trailing banner to promote their website, thisisthefuture.com.

— by Ameya Jammi, Bertel King and Maggie Reeb

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Students walking outside of UCLA's Royce Hall, one of the university's four original buildings.

UCLA board called into question

Professor writes report outlining how race was factor

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

University of California-Los Angeles professor Tim Groseclose claims the school's says board has been taking applicants' racial backgrounds into account when making admissions decisions. Since affirmative action was banned in the state in 1996, this is illegal in the state of California, and the university denies his claim.

According to The Daily Bruin, UCLA's student newspaper, Groseclose — a professor of political science — resigned his position on UCLA's Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, the organization that oversees the university's admission committee. Groseclose also wrote a nearly 100-page report of his observations of the board, which cannot lawfully consider an applicant's race in the admissions process.

In 1996, California passed Proposition 209, which banned public institutions from practicing affirmative action. Section A of the amendment to the state constitution reads:

"The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employ-

ment, public education, or public contracting."

Though applicants can leave the race section on a college application blank, some do not, and Groseclose said a student's race and experiences can usually be deduced from admissions essays.

Last year, The Daily Bruin received university admissions data that showed that admitted black and Latino students had "significantly" lower test scores and GPAs. The newspaper suggested that the admissions process for minority students may be different than that for other applicants.

According to the New York Times, Groseclose believed that the board felt pressured by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.


"It is obvious that the admissions staff was under intense pressure to admit more African Americans," Groseclose wrote in his report.


UCLA officials are speaking out against the allegations and the school issued a statement defending the board in late August. Tom Lifka, UCLA's associate vice chancellor for student academic services, says these statistics are not the result of a skewed admissions process and fervently denies any sort of racial favoring on part of the board.


"He's taking an outcome and from that deducing a cause," Tom Lifka said.


STREET BEAT

What do you think about Reveley's permanent appointment?


"It's whatever, yo."
Erin Mee '11


"I think it was a succulent fruit."
David Whitkowsky '11


"I think they should have actually done a search."
Cori Byrum '09


"At least it won't say 'interim' on our diplomas."
Andrew Morris '09

— photos and interviews by Caitlin Fairchild

CITY POLICE BEAT

Aug. 29 to Sept. 8



Friday, Aug. 29 — A 50-year-old female was arrested on the 100 block of Watson Dr. She was charged with alleged assault and battery of a family member, and she was also charged for threatening to burn down a house. **1**

Wednesday, Sept. 3 — An 18-year-old male was arrested on the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. for playing his music too loudly. **2**

— A 20-year-old male was arrested on the 500 block of Richmond Rd. for alleged underage possession of alcohol. **3**

— A 49-year-old male was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public on the 300 block of Richmond Rd. **4**

— A 50-year-old male was arrested for allegedly stealing meat from the Bloom grocery at the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. **2**

— A 26-year-old female was arrested on the 600 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public, assaulting an officer and obstructing justice. **5**

Thursday, Sept. 4 — A 24-year-old male was arrested on the 600 block of Quarterpath Rd. for allegedly possessing a concealed weapon. **6**

— An individual was arrested at the intersection of Bypass Road and Richmond Rd. for allegedly leaving the scene of an accident **7**

Monday, Sept. 8 — A 41-year-old was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. for alleged domestic assault. **8**

Project Minerva combines anthropology with the military

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65 announces academic research-driven effort

By JESSICA KAHLBERG
The Flat Hat

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65 announced April 14 the creation of Project Minerva, a plan to engage university anthropology professors in military-funded research.

Many academic anthropologists, including some at the College of William and Mary, oppose working with the military. Along with the Network of Concerned Anthropologists, a group that promotes ethical anthropology ideas, many anthropologists argue that military-backed projects could conflict with ethical concerns.

"As anthropologists, we have an obligation to protect subjects, and by working on behalf of a military organization, we cannot guarantee the security of our subjects and it may put them in jeopardy," College anthropology professor Brad Weiss said.

The anthropology-military link has become more prominent in recent years, as the armed forces increasingly meet different societies and religions in areas such as the Middle East and China, though not all anthropologists object to the pairing.

This spring, anthropologist Montgomery McFate spoke at the College about working as the senior

social science advisor to a similar Army program called the Human Terrain System, which sends experts from social sciences to work with the military in the field.

She said the armed forces are often stationed in foreign nations with little knowledge about their environment and that anthropologists educate the military about particular regions and cultures.

Weiss said he opposes HTS as well as Project Minerva, and the American Anthropological Association feels that HTS violates their adopted ethical code.

"For the Human Terrain System, they're basically sending anthropologists into Iraq with guns," he said.

Anthropology professor Grey Gundaker said these sorts of partnerships aren't unusual.

"Anthropologists are involved in many simulations to help with warfare to make models on how people communicate in different countries," she said.

Project Minerva and similar initiatives sometimes generate conflict when the government shields any part of its intentions, Gundaker said.

"We should assist when possible about making information available, but the issue is the secrecy of the information," she said. "It's unclear how the

information that we might contribute can be used, because we never have the final say on how it can be used."

Project Minerva and HTS are not the first plans that involve academic anthropologists in government research, Gundaker said.

"Anthropologists have previously done work in parts of the world where people can be in danger," she said. "For example, during the '50s and the Cold War era, there were many anthropologists working in these types of jobs."

Gates referenced this previous work when announcing Project Minerva, Gundaker said. Gates said Project Minerva, which seeks to bring together different disciplines, would hopefully lead to new avenues of study. During the Cold War, such collaboration led to fields of study like game theory and Kremlinology.

However, in the 21st century, the military's focus has moved away from Russia; according to the NCA website, Gates hopes to gain access to Chinese military and technological developments, provide insight into the workings of dictatorial third-world regimes and research the political and social climate of Islamic countries and the relationship between terrorism and religion.

"With the Minerva initiative, we envision a consortia of universities that will promote research in specific areas," Gates said in his speech. "These consortia could also be repositories of open-source documentary archives."

Gusterson said even though he does not support Project Minerva, it is nevertheless important to have anthropologists performing research for the war on terrorism.

"Because we're living in the post-American world, the more academics there are to think about the relationship between Islam and terror, the better," he said.

Gusterson said Project Minerva would attract more anthropologists if the Department of Defense did not financially back the research.

"The country would get better research if it was funded by a civilian foundation," he said. "The fact that the money is military means, based on ideological and political grounds, and on principle, many anthropologists will not take military money."

Weiss said he did not know of any College anthropology professors involved in Project Minerva, and none of the nine professors reached by The Flat Hat said they were involved. An additional three could not be reached for comment.

History scholar speaks of his first-hand experience with the past



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Blaakman was enthused into history by an "outlandishly awesome" Columbia University history professor.

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Knox's writings on the nature of treason in the Revolutionary War, one such essay is titled "Dangerous Designs and Treasonable Conspiracies."

The 2008 fellows came from Harvard University, Yale University, Stanford University and Rice University, as well as the College.

Blaakman, a double major in history and religious studies, found out about the program after hearing stories from one of his best friends, David Williard '07, who completed the fellowship in 2006 and is now working toward a Ph.D in 19th-century American history at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.

Williard said the application process is a good primer for applying to graduate schools, calling it a "diet grad school application."

"We look for students with academic achievement, excellent references, and evidence of an interest in history outside the school curriculum," program spokeswoman Sarah Bowman said.

Blaakman and his fellow scholars were exposed to extensive archives, such as the more than 60,000 historical documents

housed by the Institute. Scholars also met with archivists from Columbia University, the New York Public Library and the New

York Historical Society.

Blaakman was especially enthused by his encounters with Columbia history professor Eric Foner, whom Blaakman described as "among the most prominent living American historians," and "outlandishly awesome."

"We were so overwhelmed by the magnitude of Foner's career and personal history that he became a kind of Chuck Norris figure to our seminar," Blaakman said.

Blaakman attributed his selection to the program as well his success within the Gilder Lehrman History program to his experiences and mentors at the College.

"Our history program is incredible," he said. "The interaction we have with professors, in a small classroom

and even on a personal level, really affords William and Mary students the opportunity to develop intellectually at a much faster rate."

Blaakman's experience this summer confirmed his decision to further pursue history. He strongly advises college students to apply for fellowships in their areas of study before committing

to a life of academia.

Blaakman is now shifting gears from the archives to the classroom as he embarks on his honors thesis before graduation next semester. He said that he is bringing back to the College both stronger analytical and historical writing skills and increased competence in conducting archival research.





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Reveley receives congratulations from city, BOV

Matthews declares Reveley president while Powell praises him for diving into job

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BOV Secretary Suzann Matthews '71 then read a statement declaring that the BOV had elected Reveley as the College's 27th president. The room erupted into applause and, in accordance with tradition, a docent rang the Wren bell 27 times.

The BOV moved to the Great Hall, where members of the College community had gathered to hear from Powell and Reveley. In attendance were former College President Timothy Sullivan '66, former Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler '64 M.Ed. '71, Provost Geoff Feiss, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Jim Golden, Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler and State Senator Thomas K. Norment. Reveley's wife, Helen, and three of their four children were also present.

The group stood and drowned the room in applause as Reveley entered and Powell introduced him.

"The Board of Visitors made a very painful, difficult decision [this past spring] and our College community was in turmoil," Powell said. "And it was against that backdrop that, as rector

of the board, I had to walk in to see Taylor Reveley and ask him whether he would be willing to assume the duties of the presidency amidst that storm. He concluded this institution was great, he concluded he could make a difference, and he concluded it was his civic duty to assume those responsibilities."

Powell praised Reveley for his work diving into the job, bringing the campus back together after the sudden departure of former College President Gene Nichol in February, and working to improve the College's financial situation.

"He had no luxury of a honeymoon, no inauguration, no ceremony like today to celebrate his willingness to serve," Powell said. "He had to go to work."

After Powell poked fun at Reveley's often odd manner of speaking, Reveley was officially sworn in as president and addressed the crowd. Although he acknowledged the challenges facing the College, he chose to focus on the College community's commitment.

"William and Mary people are committed, first and foremost, committed always to the abiding good of the College, and this is an enormous strength for the university," he said.

The new president also touched on the College's history.

"As we all know, the story of William and Mary is the story of our country, beginning almost 100 years before our country was founded and continuing on powerfully into the 21st century," Reveley said. "Over the centuries William and Mary has survived the scourge of war ... and the ravages of economic loss. But it has come to stand among the most academically distinguished institutions of higher education in the United States. It also stands among the most historically storied American institutions of any sort."

Reveley thanked his family and various members of the BOV and College administration before concluding his remarks and the ceremony.

Afterward, Powell told reporters that, after speaking with students and others who had reservations about Reveley, he had entered the morning's meeting with no expectations that Reveley would necessarily be chosen over the option to conduct a national search for a president.

"Contrary to the blogs, this was not some pre-determined plan. I personally



FUAD BOHSALI — THE FLAT HAT
Powell says he had no expectation that Reveley would be chosen over a presidential search.

don't think this option was given any consideration until late in the summer and really only suggested itself based on the extraordinary job he's doing," Powell said. "But more importantly, this summer we really began seeing what kind of decisions and challenges ... Reveley [is] going to have to tackle this academic year that will not wait for you to finish the search."

Powell added that the closed-session

vote had been unanimous. Although only 11 of 17 BOV members were present, the other six — Charles Banks, Janet Brashear '82, Sarah Gore '56, Philip Herget, Robert Scott J.D. '86 and John Charles Thomas — released a statement supporting the decision and praising Reveley.

The details of Reveley's contract have not yet been determined, but Powell said he expects it will span three years.

College Admin. approves choice

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garner student input in the presidential search process. According to Reid, the students at his meeting were supportive of appointing Reveley to the permanent post.

College administrators were equally approving of Reveley.

Provost Geoff Feiss praised Reveley's work over the past seven months in the interim role and was pleased with his appointment to the permanent post.

"It's clear we have a leader in place that can keep the ship

afloat," he said.

Vice President for Administration Anna Martin said that she was "very happy" with the board's selection of Reveley.

"The board talked with faculty, talked with staff, talked with students, talked with alumni to get an understanding of how they would feel about this," she said. "The board wouldn't have moved forward if they didn't have support."

Community leaders, including Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler, are also pleased.

"He will be a really great

president. He already was a great president," Zeidler said. "President Reveley has a really good understanding of how intertwined the city and the College are."

Reveley spoke to a crowd gathered in the Great Hall of the Wren Building Friday.

"Just as I have not been merely a caretaker while interim president, neither will I be simply a transitional president during my next few years," Reveley said. "I will do my level best to make a serious difference for the better at the College of William and Mary as its 27th president."

Radio to be housed in the College police department

Prof. skeptical of additional bureaucracy

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The Public Alert Radios are part of a larger program to prepare schools to handle a wide range of emergencies, and schools are also encouraged to work with local emergency responders and Citizen Corps members to develop disaster response plans. The Public Alert radios cost \$59.99 each, but the federal government received a wholesale price for ordering in bulk.

The radio distribution has come under scrutiny from those who argue the federal dollars allocated to the program may have been better spent. Economics professor David Feldman is skeptical about the need for the additional bureaucracy, especially for a service that he believes the College could have easily provided on its own.

"The government doesn't necessarily have to give out radios," he said. "Anyone can buy an AM radio. The public good is the information the radio connects us to."

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Reaction of ambivalence

Taylor Reveley became the 27th President of the College of William and Mary on Friday. And in other news, Tom Brady’s out for the season with a torn ACL. Bummer. We’re not sure which one matters more to the student body — if either one matters at all. As far as we can tell, the College met Reveley’s presidential upgrade with a ho-hum. Perhaps the Board of Visitors’ members had this ambivalence in mind when they floated the idea of a Reveley presidency, and then, two days later, sealed the deal. Maybe they had that in mind. Maybe.

Last Wednesday’s campus-wide e-mail from BOV Rector Michael Powell ’85 seemed a formality — an electronic “speak now or forever hold your peace” to students. Faced with such enormous responsibility, students held their peace. That could mean they approved, but it could also mean they just didn’t care. Our lunch money’s on the latter.

Regardless, the whole process for garnering student input seemed quick and dirty. Two days? To assess the impact of an extended Reveley presidency? Nor did the Board employ any system for gauging student sentiment. In spite of his call for input, Powell couldn’t put a finger to the number of responses he received — not even as an estimate. The board evaluated Reveley for months. Tacking on a two-day free-for-all at the end comes across as perfunctory.

But again, we doubt students would have had much to say even if the BOV had extended the period. Perhaps, in time, Reveley’s quirks will earn him a loyal following. But for now at least, it appears the BOV equated student ambivalence with approval. Bummer.

Struggling to buy books

With rising tuition rates and a lagging economy, students at the College of William and Mary have enough costs to worry about. Yet, at the beginning of every semester, they trudge to the campus bookstore to pay hundreds of dollars for textbooks. These books, while undoubtedly essential, prove an ever-increasing burden on the student body, especially for those who pay their own way through College or whose families have low incomes.

Financial relief should not end with an admission letter. College faculty should be more proactive about cutting student textbook costs. Contacting a class weeks before the semester begins and telling them the best way to buy books is a good start. Some do this already. Offering more readings on websites such as Blackboard and Jstor would also cut student costs. Faculty should also see if their assigned texts are in the public domain and accessible online.

Used-book websites and the annual Student Assembly Book Sale have proved helpful in the past, but students are still paying too much money for new books. Students should not be forced to purchase the newest edition of a book if it is not essential for the course or the subject matter. Professors should review new editions every semester before demanding that students purchase new books.

This is the age of free information, but textbooks are getting more expensive. The College faculty and administration should do everything they can to ease this overlooked financial burden.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stressing on diversity
To the Editor:

Katie Dixon’s column “Stress on diversity divides freshman class” in The Flat Hat’s Aug. 29 issue conjured up all the frustrations of my three years working to enhance the often shamefully scant understanding among my peers of diversity’s purpose and place.

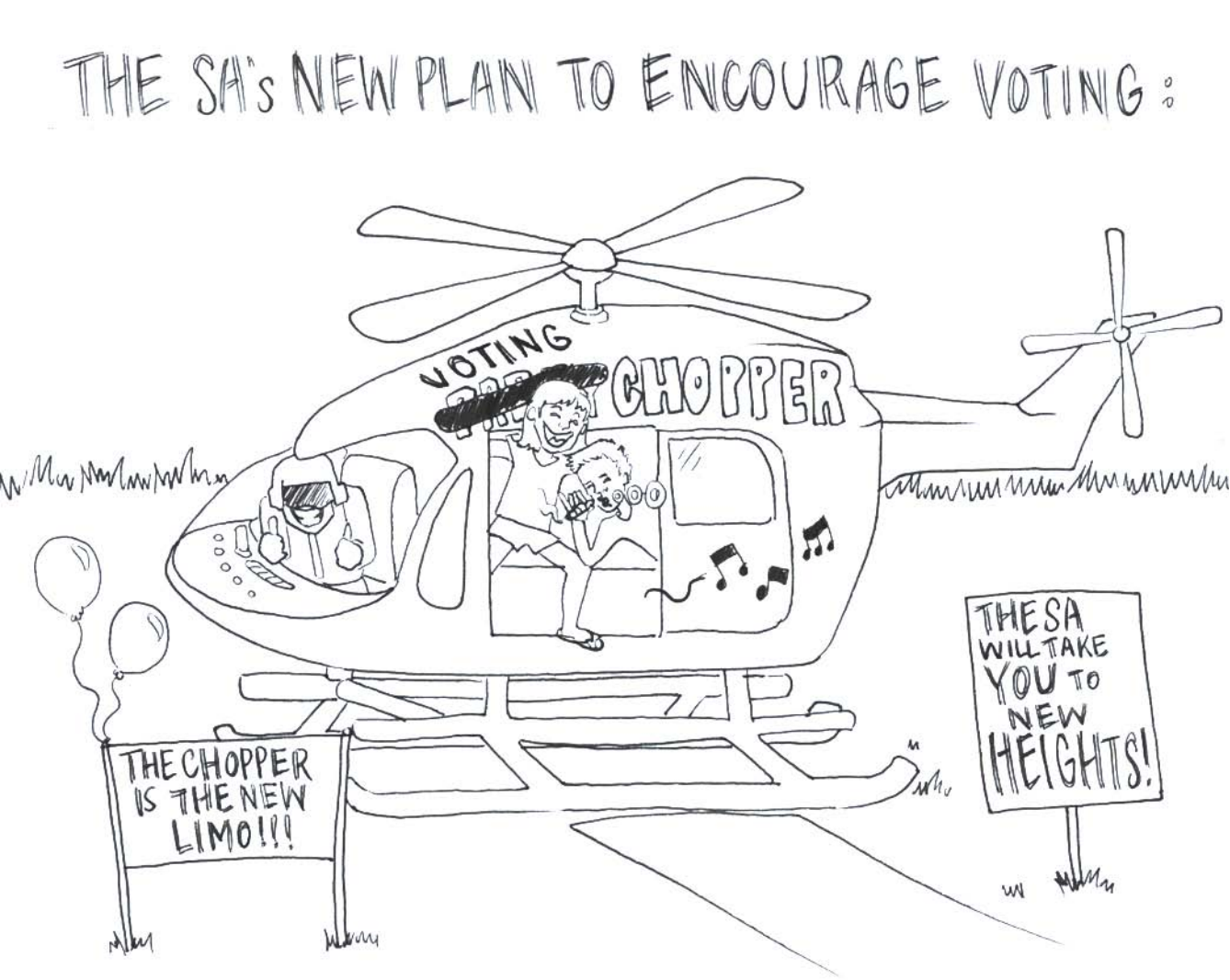
The purpose of the orientation exercise cited by the author is to unify, not divide, participants. As human beings, we are all quick to judge one another based on outward appearance or demeanor. But the exercise was meant to highlight that despite phenotypical differences, we are more alike than we might initially think. Fundamental aspects of human experience — such as owning two dogs, knowing someone who has committed suicide — supersede external discrepancies. The exercise encourages participants to focus on the aspects of our experiences that unite us as human beings.

That doesn’t mean that we should

ignore the impact of our differences. Dixon recommended that we “embrace [our] differences and respect others, but don’t be defined by them.” I’ve listened to my grandfather’s stories of experiencing racism, and seen the pent-up frustration and rage that color his perception of the world. I wonder how he could possibly have avoided being defined by those experiences. That’s the thing about our experiences — they define us. And each person’s unique experiences are inevitably affected by his or her skin color, gender, social class, sexuality, religion, family and nationality. The challenge of diversity is about using differences to find similarities.

I challenge the Class of 2012 to embrace diversity as no previous class has. I challenge them to join a multicultural organization not of their culture, to learn a new language, to take more than one GER 4C class. I’m willing to bet that if they do they will feel anything but divided from their peers.

Irène Mathieu ’09



By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Profiling “Your Student Assembly”

Alexander Ely
FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Many people were surprised last week by the news that former Student Assembly Vice President Zach Pilchen used SA funds for personal expenditures. I wasn’t.

I don’t mean to pass any judgment on Pilchen’s character. I’ve known him four years, and, with the exception of last week, have respected what he has tried to do for students and for the community.

People close to the SA, including a columnist in this newspaper, have tried to portray this as an isolated incident, imploring us to focus instead on the good things the SA has done, and how great a job it does representing each and every one of us. I’d love nothing more than to believe this, but the evidence simply isn’t there.

What Pilchen did, and the subsequent maneuvering by other SA members to expose his error, are emblematic of an organization that more closely resembles a daytime soap opera than a governing body with any legitimacy.

Try to imagine an organization full of arrogant, self-important individuals with no real legislative power, who double-cross and backstab each other, who spend their class time on their laptops wondering what “bill” they can pass at the next meeting to make themselves look good, who ponder how best to pad their resume, and who run for “office” in part to add extra titles to their names.

I know it’s hard to picture, but just bear with me. Remember, this is the same SA that used its funds to hire a limousine to take students to vote in a Williamsburg City Council election last spring. It was a historic time, and the city and the College are better off as a result of Matt Beato’s efforts. But did voters really need a limo? If Beato was unable to mobilize enough students to become involved, as it now seems in hindsight, would a limo shuttle really have made any difference? Why didn’t they throw Eliot Spitzer’s entire social club in the back of the limo while they were at it? Then there’s the bill that Sen. Matt Pinsker ’09

proposed at the most recent senate meeting, which would allocate \$2,500 for hiring limousines to annually transport students to polling stations on election days. Either the student body at the College has never heard of democracy and voting, or the SA is just bored. The only bigger waste of SA money that I can think of would be cigarettes and movie tickets to “Harold and Kumar: Escape from Guantanamo Bay.” Oops, that one already happened, too.

This is the same SA that holds meetings that sometimes turn into shouting matches more reminiscent of kindergarteners fighting over the yellow magic marker than elected representatives debating how best to help the College. One of the more memorable stories of SA idiocy took place in the spring of 2006, when senators threatened to sue one another over petty matters of protocol. After recommending that someone file a lawsuit following a secret ballot vote, the senate chair was harshly criticized by the SA vice president, who repeatedly told him to “just shut up.”

But my absolute favorite goes back to February 2007, when senators opened charity gifts that were intended for needy children in the area and started playing with them instead. An irate Amanda Norris ’07, then vice president, ripped the responsible senator in an e-mail: “Please, for the love of God, stop taking this job as a joke and be respectful to the students who voted for you.” She might as well have been talking to the entire SA.

I was going to write about the accomplishments of the SA, but my editor told me that the column had to exceed 50 words. The only thing that comes to mind is free blue books, which probably saves each student enough to buy one pack of Camel Lights from Wawa, or maybe enough to rent ‘Harold and Kumar.’

Pilchen could face harsh consequences for his actions. I hope that he is successful during the remainder of his time here and beyond, because I think that few people have done more for students over the past few years than he has. But I’m also happy that he has continued the SA’s tradition of entertaining the student body through their irrelevance, irresponsibility and stupidity.

If there’s anything we can learn from this whole ordeal, it’s this: SA meetings are best enjoyed with a tub of extra-butter popcorn and a large coke.

Alexander Ely is a senior at the College.

Reveley has yet to weather controversy

Brittany Hamilton
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Last Friday, the Board of Visitors announced, to my relief, that our new president would be Taylor Reveley. Reveley seems like the perfect fit.

He humbly took on the position of interim president in the spring when our community was ripped at the seams. Slowly, Reveley gained the trust of students and faculty and sewed us together again. He has been attentive to students, meeting with us frequently for lunches and maintaining an open-door policy. Clearly the BOV has the assurance that Reveley will make sound decisions in the College of William and

Mary’s best interest, but the students have yet to see what those decisions will mean for us.

In the e-mail that Michael Powell, the rector of the BOV, sent to students Friday, he mentioned how difficult the transition was to move from former president Gene Nichol to Reveley. It is really a blessing that our community does not have to endure a national search for a new president when the one we have has already been warmly accepted.

Reveley was not just a lame duck president these past few months; he was very active in restructuring the College’s future plans and he has been consistently available to students and faculty. He has the support of the BOV, new students and donors.

This is not a decision that the BOV had to worry about. They didn’t have

to lie, and nobody was asked to keep the decision a secret. Many of the decisions that the BOV make are about money, and any president they choose needs to be able to charm potential donors and raise funds for the College. Powell reassured us of Reveley’s sound

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financial planning, saying that Reveley “zeroed in immediately on the need to restructure our financial model.”

Our small, nurturing community is also a business, and Reveley is capable of making financial decisions that will hopefully increase the

College’s income in the future.

But there are other issues on the horizon that have yet to be addressed. Nichol was dismissed not just because of his inability to pacify donors, but also because of the decisions he made. We have yet to pose any controversial requests to the 27th president, and he has yet to make a controversial decision.

There are still uncertainties behind Reveley’s positions on controversial issues. In the next year, some student will come to Reveley and force him to make a decision that will not please everyone. This is when Reveley will show his true mettle. While we all trust that he will make even controversial decisions in the best interests of the College, we don’t know whether he will try to please the students and faculty first, or the donors and the BOV.

There was an uproar when the Sex

Workers’ Art Show came to the College last year, so what’s going to happen when a new contentious group knocks on our door this year? Reveley may face as controversial a three-year term as Nichol did. After all, students don’t really think about whether their actions will impress potential donors or not. We do not make decisions based on our obligation to represent the College. Of course, there are exceptions, but for most of us, when a president or any other authority figure makes a decision that hinders our freedoms — perceived or real — we don’t consider the monetary consequences.

When Reveley makes his first controversial decision in the College’s best interest, we will be waiting to see whether it is in our best interest as well.

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VARIETY

Lightening the financial load

Savvy students, professors use creative methods to keep textbook costs down

By BECKY KOENING
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“I go sticky note crazy,” Allison Marocco ’11 said, laughing. Her study strategy is familiar to most students, but for Marocco, a good pad of sticky notes is a necessary alternative to scribbling in the margins. Rather than spend hundreds of dollars at the bookstore each semester, she simply

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A Series on Textbooks

Last Friday: Professors assigning their own textbooks.

Today: Students and professors deal with rising textbook costs.

This Friday: Textbooks moving into the internet age.

borrowes her books from the library.

“I’m just shocked that more people don’t do it,” Marocco said. “I would definitely recommend it; it saves a lot of money.”

Money is on every student’s mind these days, whether it’s gas prices, college loan payments or even just

that midnight trip to Wawa. Textbook costs are the latest cause for concern.

According to a report released by the National Association of College Stores — the trade

association of the college retail industry — the average amount annually spent per student on books is \$702. While most students accept this expense as an inevitable sacrifice in their quest for academic success, a few dissenters are questioning the necessity of biannual trips to the College of William and Mary Bookstore.

For Marocco, who is paying for her own tuition and rent, taking advantage of the College’s free library resources makes perfect financial sense.

“I started using library books last semester,” she said. “I realized that a lot of the books were at the library, and I ended up saving over \$300. This semester, I thought I would try it again. Whatever is not at Swem is usually at the public library.” Undergraduates may check out books from Earl Gregg Swem Library for one month, and then may renew them online or work with the librarians to get extensions.

Marocco acknowledges that there are a few disadvantages to using library books, but maintains that the money she saves is worth it.

“I know that one of my professors put the books on reserve, so I have to do my homework in the library, which is a little inconvenient,” she said. “Some people like to write a lot in their books and stuff, but I sacrifice that a little bit. Other than that, I don’t know why everyone wouldn’t do it. Rather than spend \$400, I spend \$9.50 on late fees.”

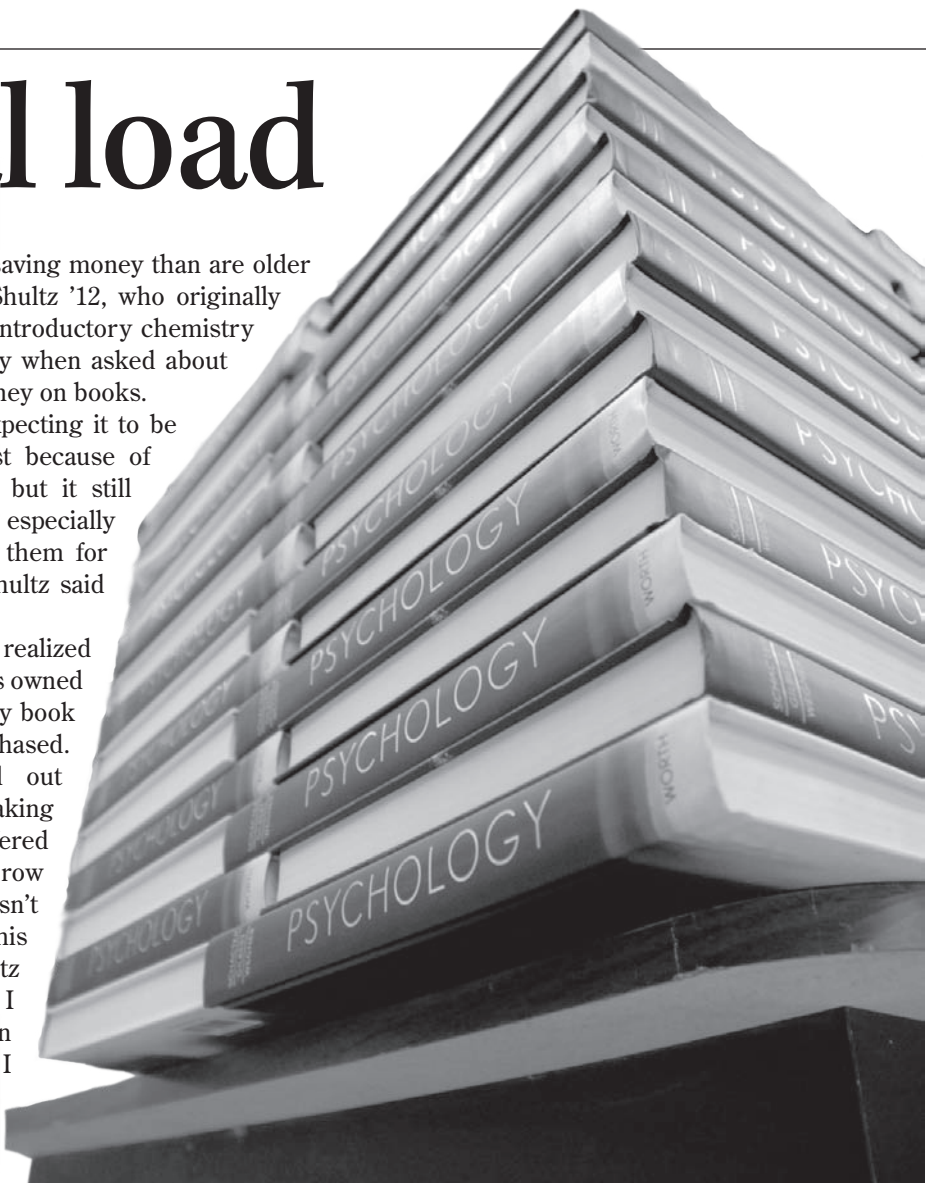
Freshmen in particular are experiencing sticker shock at the bookstore, but some are no less savvy

when it comes to saving money than are older students. Kelsey Shultz ’12, who originally paid \$223 for her introductory chemistry book, grins broadly when asked about how she saved money on books.

“I really was expecting it to be that expensive just because of talking to people, but it still kind of floored me, especially since we just use them for one semester,” Schultz said with wide eyes.

Luckily, Shultz realized that a friend of hers owned the same chemistry book she had just purchased. “When he found out that I was taking chemistry, he offered to let me borrow it since he wasn’t taking chemistry this semester,” Shultz said. “Because I kept the book in its plastic — and I recommend this to everyone in case something

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JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT

MOVIE REVIEW

‘American Teen’ redefines teenage stereotypes

By MEREDITH NALL
The Flat Hat

At first glance, “American Teen” may seem less like a Sundance Film Festival award winner and more like a spinoff of the ’80s classic “The Breakfast Club.” Warsaw Community High School in Indiana, the setting for the film, has all the stereotypes you’d need to set the stage for the standard American high school. There’s Meghan, the resident popular girl who breaks all the rules; Colin, the average jock striving to make that game-winning point; Hannah, the rebel who makes a point of not conforming; Mitch, the heartthrob who’s swayed by his popular click; and then there’s Jake, the band dork.

What sets this film apart from teen flicks like “The Breakfast Club” is its realistic — not stereotypical — portrayal of true-to-life high school students. There is an intensely real, documentary-like approach to the story, similar to that of the MTV show “True Life.” Just as “True Life” explores the daily ins and outs of a

specific group of people, this movie explores the day-to-day ups and downs of a handful of high school students.

The film has a heavily unscripted flow — conversations are more akin to reality TV shows than any feature film. The subtle wit of “American Teen” hinges on statements like “I am an unpaired sock,” or, “I do love the ladies, but the ladies do not love me.” This is partially due to the fact that the students are portraying themselves in the film. Words are said that just wouldn’t make the cut in an ordinary movie.

I went in expecting the standard teenage dramatic high school film, something along the lines of “She’s All That” or “10 Things I Hate About You” — the fairy tale high school film topped with a textbook happy ending. “American Teen” is different.

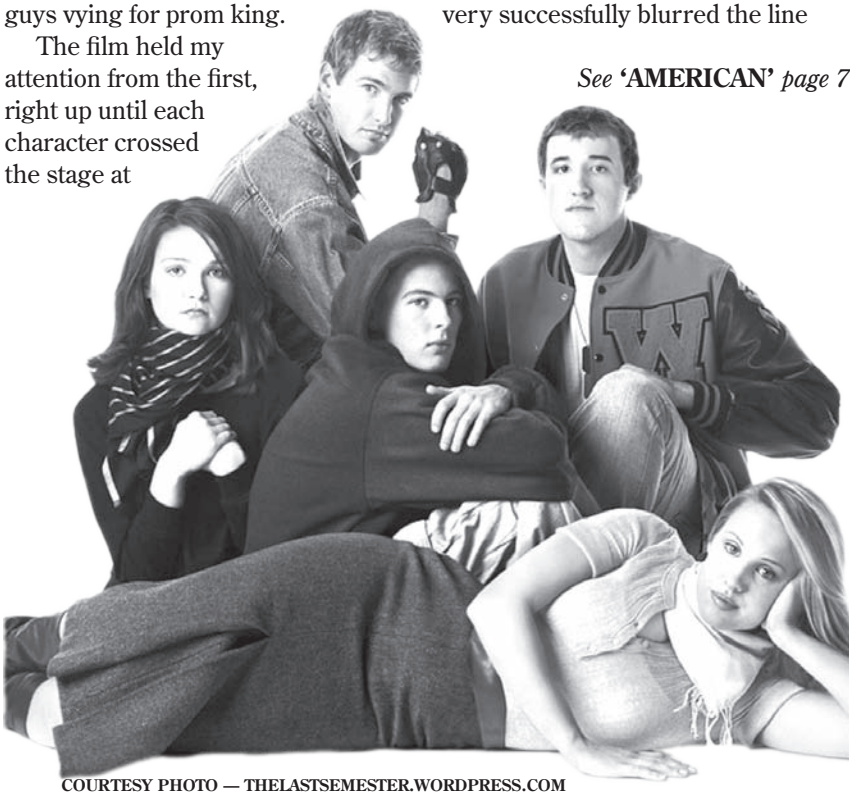
Colin doesn’t have money for college unless he’s awarded a scholarship for basketball, while his father constantly makes a point of reminding him that failure to do so will result in military service. Scenes like this are the very same situations

to which high school seniors across America can relate. There’s no room for a scene depicting a bunch of rowdy, underage kids in a bar, or a petty feud between the popular guys vying for prom king.

The film held my attention from the first, right up until each character crossed the stage at

graduation. I felt like I knew the students, or at least went to school with them. I could picture members of my graduating class walking the halls of Warsaw High. The movie very successfully blurred the line

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COURTESY PHOTO — THELASTSEMESTER.WORDPRESS.COM

UCAB seeks new image

Activities Board looks to update its name to a more ‘hip and professional’ title

By CLAIRE ELLERY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Although the retirement of former Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler may have been painful for students, it probably wasn’t intended to leave a scab — but that’s what could have happened, had UCAB taken the easy route in renaming itself the Sadler Center Activities Board. In light of the University Center’s new name, UCAB desires to undergo a name change as well. As SCAB doesn’t quite promote the image UCAB strives for, the board plans to redesign the organization’s name and logo.

General Board member Kelly Bodie ’10 initially supported SCAB as the new title, but changed her mind upon further consideration of the later consequences. “At first, I actually found the name SCAB amusing. I thought it would be memorable and fun, definitely something that would stick in people’s minds,” she said. “Long-term though, I can see how it might be problematic with getting new people to join or bands to sign on and such.”

Thomas Milteer ’09, director of public relations for UCAB, said the group decided to take advantage of this opportunity “to reinvent ourselves as more hip and professional.”

UCAB set aside money last semester for this fall’s budget to hire a professional graphic designer to create a new logo to replace the current logo, a yellow taxicab. The executive board discussed the pros and cons of a name change via e-mail over the summer. It was decided to seize the opportunity for an image makeover in August. The executive board also determined to extend the invitation to the entire student body for new ideas and suggestions.

“I’m excited for the campus-wide search,” said Bodie, ’11. I’ve already overheard students talking about it around campus. This way we’ll get a ton more options.”

Milteer believes the philosophy of UCAB can be applied to the name search. “We’re for students, by students,” he said. “We serve the students, as our main mission is to bring high-quality events.”

UCAB has held its current title since its creation after the construction in the 1990s.

“They had the rooms, so they needed an organization to fill them,” Milteer said. Many universities have similar activity boards with similar names — UVA’s Student Activities Board and CNU’s Campus Activities Board are two examples. UCAB is looking for something unique to the College, while promoting the hip and professional image described by Milteer.

Students will have the opportunity to submit ideas until Oct. 8 via e-mail to ucabnamechange@gmail.com. There is a Facebook event entitled “UCAB is Changing its Name!” to facilitate discussion and brainstorming. The early deadline

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

Late yesterday afternoon, the Williamsburg Police and Fire Departments co-sponsored a block party for the College of William and Mary. In an attempt to welcome new and returning students to campus, the residents of Nelson Avenue invited the students, faculty and staff out to a barbeque block party. Former Vice President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler, and newly appointed President Taylor Reveley both made appearances at the event, mingling with students, officers and residents. Residents will host another block party this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wythe Lane.

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“Privileged” — New Series
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KATY PERRY

‘Teen’ brings reality to stereotypes

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between my specific memories of high school and what I watched unfold on screen. As I watched the popularity queen vandalize another student’s house, I couldn’t help but think, “Wow, what a stuck up bitch.” When Hannah gets her heart broken via text message all I could think was, “Wow, I remember high school boys pulling that crap all the time.” It’s down right difficult not to feel that kind of bond with the characters.

Maybe that’s because there’s no sense of an everything-ends-well blockbuster, although I couldn’t help but laugh with the characters. Their daily lives seemed so familiar — at times awkward, but fun for the most part. At one point,

Hannah partakes in a class demonstration of a job interview — an effort to prepare students for the real world — only to make a mockery of the entire process, treating the whole interview as a joke. Something about that specific scene hits all too close to home. I then was brought to the edge of tears as Meghan realized that life doesn’t favor the most popular people any more than the average Joe.

The characters are real, the drama is real, and nobody’s perfect. Jake struggles to overcome an acne-ridden face. Hannah is pale. Fallen queen bee Meghan is eventually punished. In short, the film accomplished what it set out to do — bring the over-used Hollywood stereotypes of American teenage life down to a realistic, relatable level.



COURTESY PHOTO — MOVIEWEB.COM
Students at Warsaw High School gather around Hannah Bailey, the main character in Nanette Burstein’s documentary “American Teen.” The film showed last week at Kimball Theatre and will be on DVD later this fall.

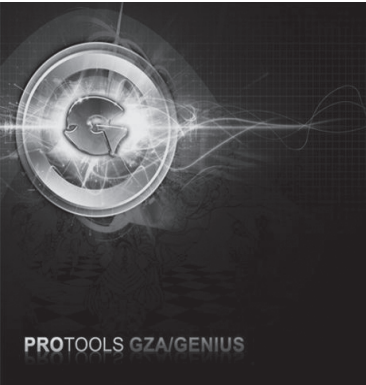
CAPSULE REVIEWS

PRO TOOLS GZA

Founding Wu-Tang Clan member GZA/Genius is most definitely back in the hip-hop spotlight with the release of his new album, “Pro Tools.” Though it arrived more than three years after his collaboration with DJ Muggs (founder of Cypress Hill), and more than five years after his last solo album, “Legend of the Liquid Sword,” the new album is yet another masterpiece of production and lyrics.

It starts out with “Intromental,” a slow, placid introduction that quickly brings listeners back up to tempo with the Wu-Tang swagger we all know and love, setting the pace for the rest of the album. That eerie, iconic Wu-Tang sound is as pronounced as ever. The production team on this album featured mainly Wu-Tang members. In fact, GZA’s original intention was to make a compilation album.

The album covers topics ranging from his feud with 50 Cent in “Paper Plates,” to an introspective profile of an urban youth in “Short Race.” Featured on the album is his son, Justice, who tag teams with his father in a graphic narrative on the track “Cinema.” But, of course, this wouldn’t be a GZA album without war-related imagery, best represented in the song “Columbian Ties.” GZA proves that his lyrical prowess has far from disappeared. His use of similes and puns keeps the listener smiling, and portrays GZA’s darkly humorous side. The track “0% Finance” consists almost entirely of SUV-related puns. By the end of this album, it’s clear that GZA still holds his spot as one of the masters of East Coast hip-hop.



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THAT LUCKY OLD SUN BRIAN WILSON

I pride myself on knowing the release date of every major album at least a month in advance, but, somehow, the release of Brian Wilson’s latest, “That Lucky Old Sun,” slipped past my radar. His last completed album, “SMiLE” (2004), took him a whopping 37 years to complete — hence my shock.

After unceremoniously ripping off the polyolefin wrapping on the CD case, a smile quickly crossed my face — this is Brian Wilson, the little-understood schizophrenic behind the Beach Boy’s revolutionary 1966 album “Pet Sounds.”

It’s easily the best music in our parents’ catalogue. The guy’s a 60-something doo-wopper crooning about the fabled lost girls along the beaches on California’s southern coast. What could be sillier?

Wilson starts the album with the eponymous track, “That Lucky Old Sun” — a tune made famous by Frank Sinatra in 1949. With this fresh reimagining of the Ol’ Blue Eyes classic, Wilson reexplores his ‘50s and ‘60s musical influences, using classic pop/rock sounds all too befitting to a Beach Boys album.

Moving onto the first track, “Morning Beat,” Wilson wails into his mic, soaring over the steady beat of his three-piece drum-kit and electric organ. It’s flawless — the album holds the same genius that overflowed from “Pet Sounds” and influenced Paul McCartney and John Lennon when they recorded “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.”

“That Lucky Old Sun,” in short, is a love song, not only to the golden age of beach rock and its legendary California roots, but also to each of us who have missed living under the warm glow of that fabled endless summer.



— by Rahul Menon
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— by Jeff Daily
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Students dodge textbook costs



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
In lieu of buying textbooks at the College's Bookstore, Anna Dausman '12 studies in Swem Library with textbooks put on reserve by her professors. Though there are inconveniences — there may be a waiting period for books on reserve or occasional late fees — this system is often advantageous to students.

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like this happens — I was able to return the book to the store and I saved over \$200. I was so unbelievably excited. I was running around telling everyone.”

Students who prefer the convenience of owning their textbooks have less expensive buying options than the Bookstore. Some students buy them at online retailers such as Amazon, Half.com, swamptreebooks.com or abebooks.com.

Emily Sample '11 prefers to order her textbooks online. “They are way cheaper online,” she said. “And you also help someone out when you buy them used.”

The major drawback to purchasing books online, however, is timing. Students have to consider shipping time and buy their books early if they want to have them by their first reading assignment.

Sample said that she has had no trouble with shipping time. “Half.com has a good rate of return and they tell you it will take two weeks to be delivered,” she said.

For those who don't want to deal with the online shipping delay but don't want to buy new books, buying books used from the College bookstore is another option.

At the end of the semester, students have the opportunity to sell their textbooks back to the store for a percentage of what they paid for them.

The store uses two different methods, retail buyback and wholesale buyback, to purchase books from students. Retail buyback, which depends on professors' book orders for the following semester, gives students half the price they paid for the book, while wholesale buyback gives students a significantly smaller percentage.

Michael Van Audenhove '11, a former employee at the bookstore, believes that professors have a great deal of influence on the amount of money students pay for textbooks. This semester, professors have until Oct. 15 to place their book orders for their spring classes. Books ordered by this date will be bought back from students at 50 percent of the list price and will be sold at the used price. If professors miss this deadline, books will be bought back for the lower percentage and sent to the wholesale distributor. This results in fewer used books available at the store for the spring semester.

“The more professors have their orders in, the more books the store can buy back and the more used books are available,” said Van Audenhove. “Part of the thing students need to do is to pressure their teachers to get their book orders in.”

Professor Ann Marie Stock, who teaches multiple Hispanic Studies courses in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, feels that

most of her colleagues do their best to send in their book lists by the store's deadline.

“I do understand that it's really important for my students to sell [their textbooks] back,” Stock said. “I do think many of us are respectful of that deadline. Most of us are aware of the importance of getting those in early. It really behooves us to have our books in the bookstore on the first day, and the bookstore needs quite a bit of time to make that happen.”

Unlike students at many other colleges, according to Van Audenhove, most students at the College buy their books before classes start. He advises students to attend class before they buy their books and use the syllabus to determine whether or not a professor will actually use the texts he or she recommends for the course. “The other thing about going to class is, if there is a big book you don't use every day, you can split it with someone,” Van Audenhove said.

The College bookstore has exclusive rights for buying and selling used textbooks on campus, but Van Audenhove proposes that students get books from each other, which would keep prices lower. “For books that are being used again, students could make money and save money by selling them to each other,” he said.

At the beginning of every semester, the class officers of either the freshman or sophomore class create a student-run book sale. Students selling books receive more than they would at the bookstore, while prices remain cheaper than those at the bookstore.

Some professors have also devised alternate textbook strategies to help lower their students' expenses. Stock, who, having paid her own way through college, empathizes with students' financial woes, intervened when a textbook she wanted for her Mapping Cuba freshman seminar would have cost her students \$70.

“I remember that buying textbooks was pretty ominous, pretty pricey,” Stock said. “I was not comfortable asking students to pay that price for one book.”

After searching online for the best deal on used copies, Stock purchased a class set and is letting her students borrow them for the semester. She said that her students seem to love the book and that it has led to very productive discussions. “They are pleased that it's one less book they had to buy — and parents are pleased as well, I think,” Stock said, laughing.

“I am very comfortable investing in my students and in William and Mary,” she said. “Probably the best investment a person can make is in education.”

For students still smarting from the blow of this semester's textbook bill, that's a comforting idea indeed.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Vibrators take sex into hyperspace

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



I have a vibrator. Her name is Princess Leia (because she has a way with the Force), and she is purple. Many women would be embarrassed to share this kind of information with the world. I am somewhat uncomfortable with revealing her in print, but, nonetheless, there she is.

So why did I share? Because vibrators are controversial, and I want my readers to know that there is nothing to be afraid of.

Some people see vibrators as harbingers of sexual perversion, such as legislators in Texas who, until last February, had banned the sale and use of such toys. Other people may be threatened by them, as vibrators can be perceived as penis replacements. Some say that a straight woman has a vibrating phallus, her need for a man could disappear. Still, more people just think vibrators are strange. Some may have reasoned arguments on the purity of sexual interaction or may be weirded out by the idea of an electronic device finding its way to their nether regions.

That's where I come in. Vibrators are fun and effective tools for reaching orgasms.

To those who think that they are perverse: Vibrators have existed in some form since the 1880s. They were invented by doctors as a way of curing “hysteria” in women; bringing women to orgasm in order to relieve emotional and psychological ailments dates back thousands of years.

The vibrator was invented to speed along the process so that the doctor could fit more patients into the day. Thus, the vibrator is not a product of the corrupted morals of the new generation. It is an updated form of a past medical technology.

If you believe that not only vibrators but all sex toys are corrupt, I can't help you.

To those who fear replacement by vibrator: At first glance, this may seem to be a legitimate position. Vibrators have advantages that flesh-and-blood penises do not. Vibrators are always erect and they never prematurely ejaculate. They are always the right size and shape and are around whenever you need them. Most significantly, they vibrate,

something that penises can't do.

But to think that penises are in any way replaceable to those who love them is just faulty logic. Guys, have a little faith in the value of your penis. I would choose my boyfriend's penis over Princess Leia any day of the week. There is nothing like a smooth shaft, the warm flesh and pulsing blood flowing through the tip or the overall aesthetic value of the penis. And that disregards the enjoyment of having another human being involved in your sexual experience.

To those who maintain that sexual interaction between two people is the only way to go: You are right, somewhat. There is something very special about simple sex. To know that all you need is yourself and your partner is an incredible feeling. However, bringing in a sex toy doesn't necessarily mean that the connection between the participants is fundamentally altered. Using a vibrator during sex does not mean that you're having kinky sex.

Vibrators simply aid in the sexual process. Most women need between three to 20 minutes of direct clitoral stimulation to reach orgasm. However, with a vibrator, this time can be significantly shortened. This allows the person being stimulated to reach climax quicker (it can be very frustrating to be lying there for an hour before coming) and gives their partner an easier job, so the mind is less likely to wander, and the hands are less likely to tire.

Vibrators are also used to spice things up in the bedroom. They can be used in conjunction with a penis for dual penetration or on their own for prostate, G-spot or clitoral stimulation. They can do tricks that a penis cannot, so they introduce a whole new element to sex.

To those of you who feel uncomfortable with the idea of something buzzing around your genitals: I say, try it. You may be surprised at your reaction to the sensation. There is, however, some risk involved in vigorous stimulation. Overuse of vibrators can cause you to lose nerve endings in your special places, so everything in moderation.

So get out there and start experimenting. There's no reason to be afraid of a big, bad vibrator. And the best news? Vibrators are for everyone, whether you're gay, straight, bisexual or anything else.

Maya Horowitz is The Flat Hat sex columnist. She wants to bring you over to the Dark Side.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

UCAB opens forum for renaming

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is intended to give UCAB time to organize before the spring release.

“There's a big gap to get work done, redesign, rebrain,” Milteer said.

After collecting all the submissions, UCAB's executive board will sort through the suggestions and select the top three choices. Those three will then be presented to the general board of UCAB,

as well as to college alumni, to be reviewed for comments. The executive board will then consider the feedback and make a final choice, unveiling its selection in the spring.

The new name and logo will appear this spring on t-shirts, banners, the spring Student Activities calendar, the website and in the UCAB office located in the Campus Center. And while the possibilities for a new name and logo are endless, one thing is for sure: It won't be SCAB.



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A current member sits in front of the UCAB logo inside the office in the Campus Center. UCAB plans to adopt a new name now that the University Center has become the Sadler Center.



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Sound bytes

“He is no part of our team.”
— Astana team press officer Philippe Maertens said in an e-mail to the Associated Press, deflecting recent rumors of a possible return to professional cycling by American Lance Armstrong.



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— Straight U.S. Open titles Roger Federer has won after his defeat of Andy Murray last night

FROM THE SIDELINES

From worst to first: the Tampa Bay recovery

Matt Poms

FLAT HAT ASSOC. SPORTS EDITOR



Okay, Tampa Bay Rays. Enough already. Don't you remember who you are?

Before this season you had an all-time winning percentage of .386.

You've retired one player's number in franchise history and Wade Boggs played at Tropicana Field for a grand total of two seasons. In Boggs' first season in Tampa, the franchise's inaugural season, a mediocre 31,000 fans attended each game. Since then you've been consistently outdrawn by an MLS team — D.C. United.

You're the only team in the major leagues never to have made the playoffs. Your big season? An exhilarating fourth-place finish in 2004.

So what on earth are you doing in first place? It's September. Prior to 2008, you had never posted a winning record at any point after April.

But instead you're nearly 30 games over .500 — a win behind the major league-leading Anaheim Angels. Your pitching staff has a collective earned run average of 3.76, the best in baseball — ahead of such teams as the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox. The Red Sox and White Sox actually win championships, as opposed to earning the top pick in the draft.

Your 2008 payroll is a mere one and a half of A-Rod's. You don't have a starting pitcher over age 26. Yet your entirely inexperienced squad is playing like a seasoned baseball dynasty.

Ace Scott Kazmir, all of 24 years old, is blossoming into one of the top young pitchers in the history of the game, posting an 11-6 record with a 2.99 ERA and 147 strikeouts this season. Your 24-year-old catcher, Dioner Navarro, is batting .298 with 23 doubles. While two New York teams flounder helplessly 1,000 miles to the north, you're charging into the playoffs behind two young leaders (Kazmir and Navarro) who any team in baseball would give up their top prospects for.

It's ironic because the Mets would likely be comfortably perched atop the NL East if they hadn't given up a young Kazmir for the ineffable duo of Victor Zambrano and Bartolo Fortunato — neither is still in the majors. The Yankees would similarly love to have a durable, defensive-minded catcher instead of Randy Johnson and Javier Vazquez for whom they traded Navarro to the Diamondbacks in 2005. Neither player remains with the Bronx Bombers.

Despite having the second-lowest payroll in the game, general manager Andrew Friedman has managed to assemble an elite collection of young talent through trades just like those. While big-market teams spent the past number of years spending on overpriced, overaged free agents, the Rays have stocked up through the draft and minor leagues, a strategy beginning to pay tremendous dividends.

As a result, despite the hordes of critics whose Rays predictions include a late season collapse, manager Joe Maddon has transformed his squad into a near playoff lock. With their young roster and unceasing amount of minor league talent still in the pipeline, that is a place in which the new Tampa Bay Rays should find themselves for years to come.

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Soccer eases transition for Baako

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He attended classes daily, during which he anxiously waited for the 10:30 a.m. break when the entire school hustled to claim a soccer field. Teams that score the first goal get to stay on. Everyone else sits.

It was this love of soccer that sent Nat over 5,000 miles to the College.

Nat first heard of the College in April 2007 when his youth soccer coach, who happened to have connections to the Tribe via Virginia Tech University Head Coach Oliver Weiss, encouraged Nat to obtain a much-coveted visa and apply to the College.

Nat's father, David, decided to allow his son to give it a shot because of the College's sterling academic reputation. If his son wasn't going to get an education, he wasn't going to let him go.

Nat prepared to leave his friends, family, culture and country behind.

First up was securing a visa to attend school internationally. Nat had a five-minute meeting scheduled with a government counselor at the American embassy in Accra. His meeting only lasted one minute. In those 60 seconds, Nat had to detail his academic credentials and convince the counselor he could finance his time in America.

"I was definitely nervous and I was young, so I was obliged to go with my dad," Nat said. "My dad was nervous. He didn't actually want to talk to the counselor, so I had to go on my own."

In the spirit of their Christian faith, his family fasted the day before the interview, sacrificing for Nat's goal. Their sacrifice worked — and Nat was Williamsburg-bound.

"I was really excited and so relieved," Nat said. "I don't think I will feel that way ever again. It was amazing."

His family congregated at a local restaurant that night — a family tradition typically reserved for special holidays. They rejoiced in Nat's success and discussed his upcoming adventure, offering Nat advice about what to expect in America.

Outside his family, only his best friend Hassan Kulog Mohammed knew of Nat's plans. Nat was advised by Ghana's government and his father to keep his departure a secret (the government didn't want Nat to fail and his father felt superstitious), leaving friends in the dark until the day of his flight.

David and the rest of Nat's family successfully kept the secret.

"You want to think that your son or daughter pursues his education and opportunities. We realized an additional talent of soccer in him," his father David, who still lives in Ghana, said in an interview over Skype. "We gave him all the support we could to let him capture that talent. He excels both academically and on the field of play and that is why I am very proud of him."

In Ghana, it is nearly impossible to get both a college education and continue playing soccer at a competitive level. Ghanaian collegiate soccer does not operate like the NCAA, as there are no conferences, only a national tournament. The College offered Nat a first-rate education and competitive athletics, which satisfied David's preconceptions.

"We Africans think of the United States as a place where the best can come from, a place where, in the case of both soccer and academics, all the instruments [exist] to make a serious person like Nat [best discover] all his talents," David said.

David always required Nat, his two brothers and his two sisters to put school first and everything else second.

"My father made sure the better I did in class, the more time he gave me to play soccer," Nat said. "He knew I loved soccer. He knew I couldn't leave the game."

Growing up in Ghana, Nat played on youth soccer clubs, advancing to the national level and earning a scholarship to enroll at the C.K. Gyamfi Academy for soccer at age 11. The academy was one of the best in the Accra region of Ghana. There, Nat boarded while playing soccer and attending Winneba Secondary School, a 15-minute walk away.

Of the 24 students in his class at the academy, Nat was the only athlete to make the jump to the United States. Nat was one of few Ghanaians who was capable of making the leap both on the field and academically, as his grades and SAT scores made it possible for him to come to the College. Nat is one of only three Ghanaians in the CAA.

To the Ghanaian people, soccer encompasses more than just wins and losses. It's about beauty, finesse and companionship. Nat has noticed that Ghanaian sentiment runs counter to the American focus on winning at the sacrifice of appreciating the game.



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore midfielder Nat Baako in action at Albert-Daly Field.

"It is one sport that when people get involved, especially with the international team, everyone's problems, whether social, tribal, political are put aside," Nat said. "It is a unifying partner in the country. Even the old women know the starters on the national team."

Nat, a member of the Ga-Adangbe tribe, appreciates both his country and the game, aspiring to be part of the Ghanaian national team, the Black Stars, after college. Nat is also considering pursuing his CPA or attending graduate school to obtain his MBA.

"Playing on the [national] team means, first of all, a lot of pride," Nat said. "That is what we live for, pride. They are the heroes of the nation. It is almost like a government leader. If you are on the team, you are an executive of the nation. You are the source of joy, you give the people hope. That is what every kid works for and looks at."

"You don't play for the money, you play for the Ghanaian part of you."

Nat's optimistic attitude is shared by most people of Ghana — a country known as the "Gateway to Africa." His acceptance of different cultures has allowed him to adapt to the melting pot that Americans so readily take for granted.

Norris said Nat has performed "extremely well" in the College's classrooms. His play on the pitch has been solid as well. Nat started every match as a freshman and provides the Tribe with a burst of infectious energy and heady play in the midfield.

Despite becoming assimilated so quickly, Nat still feels the pangs of homesickness. He hasn't returned to Ghana since his August 2007 arrival at the College and says he misses his family deeply. These occasional bouts of sadness, however, haven't affected his trademark personality.

Even though he's an ocean from home, he's still smiling.



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior Adrian Tracy recorded a sack Saturday at N.C. State.

College drops season opener to Wolfpack

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conversion rate and forcing a pair of interceptions. Senior defensive end Adrian Tracy was a force, pressuring Wolfpack quarterbacks Daniel Evans and Harrison Beck and recording eight tackles and a sack.

"Last year we felt like we had the same amount of talent, but didn't have all the pieces together and were still grasping the defense," Tracy said. "Since we've had another year under our belts, we have that overall experience to put our team in a position to win."

While the defense did just that, the Tribe offense fared little better than their counterparts from Raleigh. The talented Wolfpack defensive line stifled the College's ground

game and routinely hounded Phillips, containing him to 15 of 30 passing attempts for 139 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

A late interception return for a touchdown by senior cornerback Derek Cox and a 25-yard touchdown pass from junior backup quarterback R.J. Archer provided the final margin.

Despite the loss, the reinvigorated defensive play and close scoreline provide the Tribe with plenty of optimism heading into their home opener Saturday against Virginia Military Institute.

"I thought that, all in all, we had a solid game," Laycock said. "We gave them all they wanted."

BY THE NUMBERS

4

Tribe turnovers

5

third-down conversions for the College out of 17

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FIELD HOCKEY

Tribe shut out in weekend contest against Princeton

The College of William and Mary (0-4) dropped a pair of home matches this weekend, falling to no. 16 Princeton University 4-0 and Columbia University 2-0. Princeton out-shot the Tribe 19-8 and used that advantage to jump to a 3-0 lead in the first half. Red-shirt freshman goalkeeper Camilla Hill made her debut for the Tribe in the second half, allowing one goal and recording six saves, but the College's offense could not penetrate a strong Princeton defense. The Tribe also dropped its home opener against Columbia, as its offense failed to generate points. The College has not scored in its last 200 minutes of action.

MEN'S GOLF

College 14th, Paladino 24th at Maryland Tourney

The College of William and Mary opened its season Sunday with a 14th-place finish at the Maryland Intercollegiate Tournament in Cambridge, Md. All 36 holes of the tournament were played Sunday due to Tropical Storm Hanna. The College recorded a team score of 595 (+27) and scored 21 strokes lower in the second round. Senior Brent Paladino led the way for the Tribe, shooting a combined 144 (+2) to finish in a tie for 24th place.

"This can be considered a warm-up tournament for us," Paladino said. "We shook off our rust and played better as the tournament progressed."

CROSS COUNTRY

Tribe opens season at U.Va.'s Lou Onesty Invite

The men's and women's cross country teams opened up their seasons at the Lou Onesty Invitational in Charlottesville Saturday, running on a wet and slippery course thanks to Tropical Storm Hanna. With redshirt freshman Max Werner taking 19th to lead the Tribe, the men placed third behind the University of Virginia and Duke University. Sophomore Jay Bilsborrow finished in 22nd, three seconds behind Werner. The women placed second in the race with two runners in the top ten, including senior Emily Arena in fifth and freshman Heather Beichner in seventh.

MEN'S SOCCER

College postpones match against Campbell

Tropical Storm Hanna forced the College to postpone Saturday's men's soccer match against Campbell University. The match will be rescheduled for a later date.

— By Jim Mancari, Chris D'Alessio and Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 12

VOLLEYBALL

vs. UNC Asheville* — 10 a.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

vs. Central Florida — Norfolk, Va. — 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Virginia — Charlottesville, Va. — 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. North Carolina State* — 10 a.m.

Sat., Sept. 13

WOMEN'S GOLF

Nittany Lion Invitational — State College, Penn.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. Norfolk State* — 10 a.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

PENNSYLVANIA — 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. Western Carolina* — 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

VMI — 7 p.m.

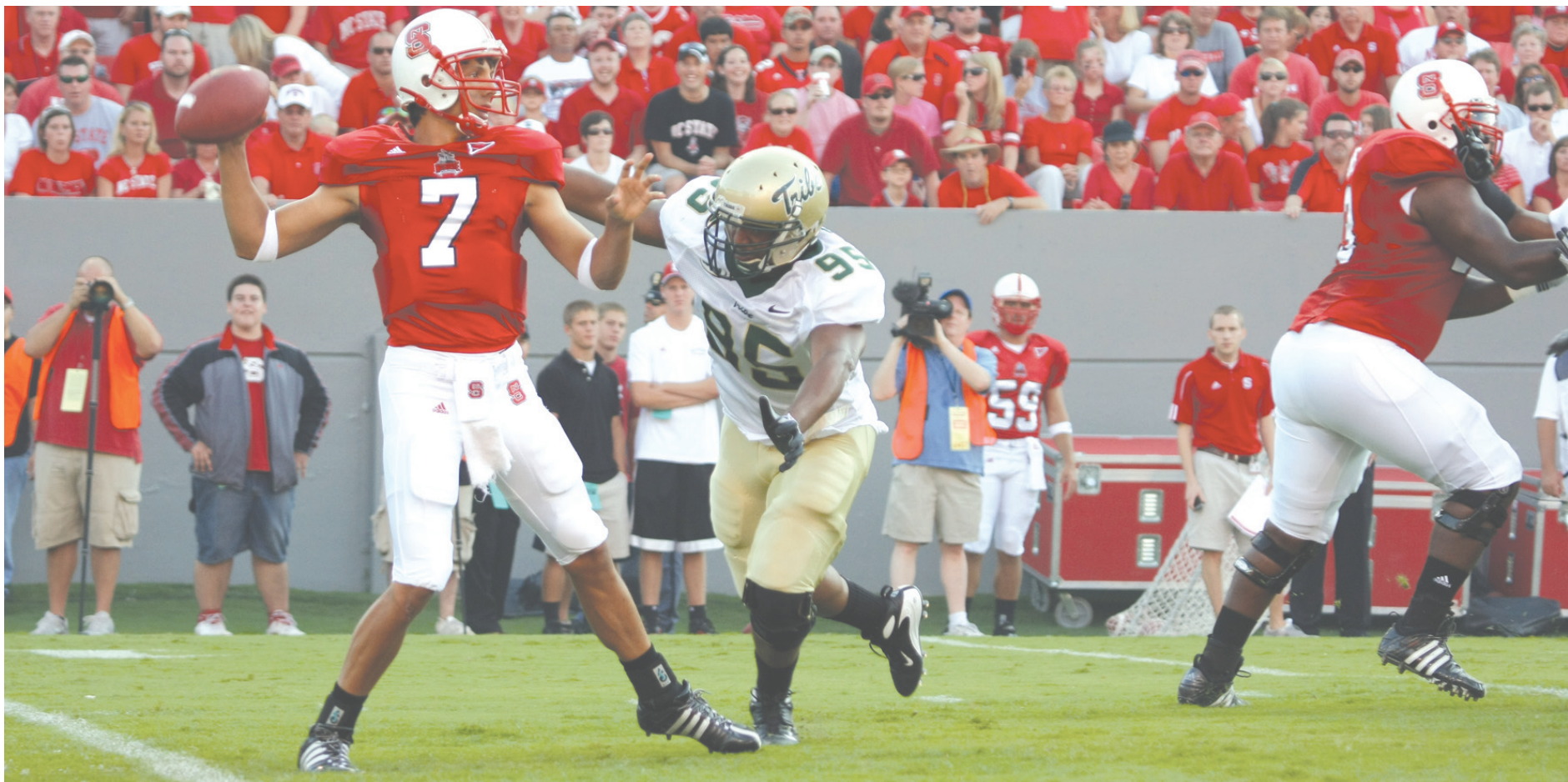
*Games played in Raleigh, N.C.

FOOTBALL

Tribe 24

NC 34

Tribe miscues prove costly



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior defensive tackle C.J. Herbert closes in on North Carolina State University quarterback Daniel Evans Saturday in Raleigh, N.C. He recorded four tackles in the Tribe's 34-24 loss.

By MATT POMS

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

For 30 minutes Saturday in Raleigh, N.C., the College of William and Mary simply outplayed a stronger, faster and deeper ACC opponent.

The Tribe outgained North Carolina State University 103 to 79 in first half yardage, while holding the Wolfpack without a first down until late in the second quarter. However, a pair of costly turnovers doomed the Tribe to a 14-0 halftime deficit, one that would prove decisive as the College fell 34-24 in their 2008 season opener.

"I thought we played hard. I thought we went down there and competed very well," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "[But] we uncharacteristically made some mistakes on turnovers which you can't do against a team like that."

The Wolfpack converted four Tribe turnovers into 17 points, as the College generously provided a cushion for N.C. State that would prove too much for the Tribe to overcome.

A failed exchange on a pitch between true freshman running back Jonathan Grimes and senior quarterback Jake Phillips halted the Tribe's first offensive possession inside the N.C. State 10-yard line.

Then the Wolfpack came up with another key takeaway. With their offense unable to muster a first down against a stingy College defense, Wolfpack defensive back Nate Irving intercepted Phillips' pass deep in the College's territory, setting up the N.C. State offense at the Tribe six-yard line. Two plays later, N.C. State took a 7-0 lead and ending a nine-quarter scoreless streak that had extended into last season.

Another Wolfpack touchdown with just seconds left in the first half put pressure on the Tribe offense, which was hampered to begin with by the absence of starting running backs senior DeBrian

Holmes and sophomore Courtland Mariner, to get back into the game.

A 30-yard, third-quarter touchdown strike from Phillips to junior wideout D.J. McAulay briefly spurred hopes of a Tribe comeback as the squad pulled to 21-10. However, N.C. State promptly ran off 13 straight points to ice the game and send the College back to Williamsburg in search of their first win of 2008.

The Tribe defense, much maligned a season ago, held the Wolfpack rushing attack to a mere 67 total yards, while limiting N.C. State to a two of 16 third-down

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SPORTS FEATURE

Baako finds unlikely home at College

By CHRIS WEIDMAN

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor



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Sophomore midfielder Nat Baako.

College of William and Mary men's soccer Head Coach Chris Norris remembers when sophomore Nat Baako saw his first hallmark of Williamsburg — a squirrel.

The two had just met in Richmond and Norris was driving Nat around campus when a squirrel scampered across the street. Having never seen one before, Nat asked Norris, "What is that?"

"That's a squirrel, they're all over the place here," Norris told him. "You will see lots of those."

Moments later Nat asked: "Is it harmful?"

It was then that Norris realized that both he and Nat were in uncharted territory.

Nat arrived on campus five days into

preseason practice in August 2007. He carried one suitcase with him. Inside were his favorite clothes, some money, a youth soccer medal and family photos. Everything else remained at home in Ghana — everything except Nat's smile.

"The first thing you notice about him is he laughs easily, he smiles a lot and he's got an infectious personality, so we hit it off right away," Norris said.

Nat left behind 20 family members — including his mom, dad, two brothers and two sisters — in a shared, 11-room house in Tamatoku, Ghana. His father, David, trades locally-harvested salt and his mother sells produce at a local market. Nat's family rose at 4 a.m. everyday to prepare for work, but Nat got to sleep in — until 6:30 a.m. — before departing for school.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tribe stumbles against physical Columbia

Despite outshooting Lions 18-7, College fails to convert scoring opportunities into points

By JACK LAMBERT

The Flat Hat

TRIBE 0, COLUMBIA 1

The College of William and Mary (2-2-1) lost 1-0 to Columbia University Sunday in a match that was as physical as it was frustrating.

The Tribe got off to a slow start in the eighth minute when Columbia midfielder Liz Wicks gathered a loose ball at the top of the box, dribbled to the top-right corner and fired a shot top-corner, far-post past Tribe senior goalkeeper Meghan Walker.

It was one of the Lions' few scoring opportunities on Walker, who had two saves in three chances. The Tribe outshot the Lions 18-7, but was unable to put any in the back of the net.

The Tribe's best chances came at the end of the first half. In the 35th

minute, after an impressive run down the left side, freshman forward Stephanie Gerow fired a shot high over the goal. A minute later, freshman back Kristen Smith settled the ball 20 yards in front of the box, but also missed high.

Senior forward Claire Zimmeck — the Tribe's leading scorer with four goals — only got off one shot on goal as the Lions defense targeted her all match and committed 17 fouls to the College's seven.

Zimmeck had a couple nice runs toward the end of regulation, but was twice knocked down inside the goal box without a foul being called.

"It was very frustrating," Zimmeck said. "I didn't get the calls I thought I would get, but you don't have control over everything."

Zimmeck finished the night scoreless — for only the second time this season.

Senior midfielder Dani Collins also

finished the match scoreless after being limited by a head injury in the 30th minute. The injury occurred when Collins collided heads with a Columbia defender on a cross into the box from senior back Abby Lauer.

Collins was taken off the field to end the first period but was able to return to action at the start of the second period. Collins did not appear to be at full strength and operated more as a distributor in the middle of the field than as a finisher inside the box for the rest of the match.

Afterward, the Tribe offered no excuses for the loss and instead focused on its next match against the sixth-ranked University of Virginia.

"I think we all could have played better," Zimmeck said. "Next game we're just going to have to come out harder."

JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT
Senior midfielder Dani Collins.